

PHOENIX VOTES PURE WATER

MILITARY MADNESS CAUSE OF GERMANY'S COLLAPSE ASSERTS VICE-PREMIER

Peace Efforts of Wilson Sabotaged by Proclamation of Unrestricted Submarine Warfare—Overtures for Honorable Peace by Great Britain and France Were Refused by Unbalanced War Rulers—Still Pursue Same Methods

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BERLIN, Friday, July 26.—Peace overtures to Germany by Great Britain and France were made through the Vatican in August 1917, Matthias Erzberger, vice premier and minister of finance, declared in the German national assembly today. He said Germany rejected these overtures.

Monsieur Passell, papal nuncio to Munich, on August 12, 1917, addressed a note to Imperial Chancellor Michaelis, enclosing a telegram from the British minister at the Vatican to the papal secretary of state, to which the French government assented. The British note, Herr Erzberger explained, asked for a German declaration of Belgian independence and compensation and inquired as to what guarantees Germany would need for herself. Chancellor Michaelis did not answer for four weeks; then September 14 he wrote that the situation for giving such a declaration was not yet sufficiently clear.

More Sensations Later Herr Erzberger promised more important revelations within a few days. Monsignor Passell's note said: "I have the honor herewith to transmit to your excellency a copy of a telegram which the king of the Vatican has handed to the cardinal secretary of state. The French government gives its assent to the statements made in the aforementioned telegram, and his eminence earnestly desires actively to continue his efforts for the speedy attainment of a just and lasting peace such as the imperial government has shown a conciliatory readiness to accept."

"Your excellency's attention is particularly drawn to the point in the telegram relative to Belgium with a view to obtaining, firstly, a positive declaration regarding the imperial government's intentions with respect to Belgium's complete independence and compensation for damage caused Belgium through the war; secondly, a definite statement of guarantees for political, economic and military independence which Germany desires."

Urged Acceptance of Terms "If these declarations have a satisfactory effect, his eminence thinks an important step will have been taken towards the further development of negotiations. As a matter of fact, the minister of Great Britain has informed this government that the Holy See will reply to the communications made in the aforementioned telegram as soon as it has received the imperial government's reply."

"It may be permitted for my part to express my firm conviction that by using your influence in all highest quarters on behalf of the papal proposal and for this peace work your excellency will gain the eternal thanks of the fatherland and the whole of humanity. If a conciliatory reply be obtained which can open up the prospect of peace negotiations."

Herr Erzberger said that the government had asked permission to publish the contents of the British dispatch, but that such permission had not been received.

The reading of the note caused a great sensation in the assembly. In commenting, Herr Erzberger said: "In 1914, President Wilson used every effort to bring about peace, but Mr. Wilson's peace was based on the proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare and at least twice an honorable peace could have been brought about, but a fight with the military party won times prevented it. At the end of September, I was in Munich. The papal nuncio came to me and with tears in his eyes said: 'Military Madness Caused Downfall. Now, everything is lost, and for your poor fatherland too.'"

"The collapse of Germany," continued Herr Erzberger, "was brought about by revolution but by madness of the country's military authorities by lack of a supreme army command. These so-called authorities intimidated and terrorized the German people and are still pursuing these aims. We had to accept a peace of violence because that was the only way out."

"We have undertaken the responsibility for their misdeeds; if they wash their hands in innocence a hundred times, with loud 'noes,' they will not free themselves of their guilt, either before us, before history, or their own consciences."

ONLY 704,845 MEN IN ARMY JULY 22

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, July 26.—Progress of demobilization was announced today as follows: Officers and men discharged to date 3,028,457; sailed for the United States from Europe since November 11, last, 1,767,327; estimated strength of army July 22, 704,845, of whom only 234,975 were in Europe, 68,000 at sea on route home and 362,000 in the United States; enlistments 87,282.

O. E. S. ELECT OFFICERS SEATTLE, July 26.—Mrs. Emma P. Chadwick, Seattle, today was elected third worthy associate grand conductor of the general grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, holding its triennial assembly here. Will W. Crook of St. Joseph, Mo., was elected right worthy associate grand patron. The other principal officers of the order following usual custom were advanced one step. Mrs. Ella Chapin of Pine Meadow, Conn., becoming a worthy grand matron. Washington, D. C., was selected as the meeting place for the triennial assembly in 1922.

BUMPING THE BUMPS



OCCUPATION OF MEXICO URGED BY HUDSPETH

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Military occupation by the United States was advocated by Representative Hudspeth, democrat, Texas, in an address today in the house. He urged withdrawal of American recognition of the Carranza government and said American troops should be kept in Mexico until a stable government had been established. After reading the resolution recently adopted by the Texas senate, which asked the federal government to use troops or permit the state to act, Mr. Hudspeth added: "But that is not necessary. 'That flag,' he said, pointing to the Stars and Stripes hanging over the speaker's desk, 'is sufficient.'"

This remark, which was also his declaration for military intervention, was applauded by the members. In urging military intervention, Mr. Hudspeth declared he was "not a jingo" and that he only asked for the protection of American lives.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Outstanding developments today in the Mexican situation can be summarized as follows: Redoubling of efforts by the government to prevent smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border and a warning by the president to citizens that violation of the anti-smuggling law would be rigorously prosecuted.

An address in the house by Representative Hudspeth, democrat, urging withdrawal of the recognition of the Carranza government and military occupation of Mexico by American forces until a stable government had been established.

Dispatch of messages to members of the Mexican senate and house of representatives by Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, asking their co-operation towards securing more efficient and adequate protection for American lives in the southern republic.

Young American Kidnaped Receipt of advices by the state department that Philip Thompson, 14-year-old son of an American citizen, had been kidnaped by bandits from his father's ranch 30 miles from Mexico City and was being held for 1500 pesos ransom.

Reports of a new outbreak of anti-American propaganda by Mexico newspapers, especially those recognized as Carranza organs in Mexico City. Officials believe the kidnapping of Young Thompson is a direct result of the inflammation of public opinion by this propaganda.

Issuing of a statement by the Mexican embassy declaring that Mexico today has a stable government, although bandits are at large in some districts and reminding the American people

H.C. of L. To Be Investigated By Ohio Officials

COLUMBUS, O., July 26.—A sweeping investigation of the high prices of foodstuffs is to be made in every county in Ohio.

All the investigating and law enforcement machinery at the command of the state and its subdivisions was set in motion today in an effort to get at the bottom of high prices of food commodities, declared by state officials to be "artificially inflated at a time when manifestly there ought to be an abundance, if not a surplus, of products."

In a communication to Attorney General Price Governor James Cox today requested that an investigation of food prices be instituted in every county and that grand jury investigations should be begun in some cases without delay.

Placing the blame for exorbitant prices on certain unlawful practices in the traffic of foodstuffs, Governor Cox places direct responsibility upon policies of cold storage institutions.

WANT CIVILIAN PRESIDENT WASHINGTON, July 26.—Desiring to elect a civilian president, a group of prominent men in Mexico City are urging Ygnacio Bonillas, the Mexican ambassador to the United States to become a candidate for the presidency of Mexico according to information received today through official channels.

Ambassador Bonillas has not authorized the use of his name in the campaign and he said today he desired to retire to the practice of his profession, engineering.

MEET ZOE BECKLEY



and then turn to inside today's Republican and read her love-serial, "Romances of a Summer 'Girl,'" which is appearing exclusively in this city in The Arizona Republican. Miss Beckley is noted as one of the cleverest newspaperwomen in New York, and we know you'll like her serial as well as the special news stories which she has been engaged to write for us from time to time.

RUMOR WILSON WILL AGREE TO COMPROMISE NATION LEAGUE

Next Step in Negotiations Will Come from White House, It Is Expected—Conferences Postponed

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, July 26.—The next important move in the senate disagreement over reservations to the peace treaty is expected to come from President Wilson.

Having canvassed the senate situation in his conferences with 15 republican senators, all of whom are said to have told him they would support certain reservations, it is expected the president soon will make known definitely his attitude toward such course. It was indicated at the white house today that expression of his views on the subject might not await his speaking tour to begin two weeks hence, but might be embodied in a public statement in a few days.

This aroused great interest. Several republicans have told Mr. Wilson the treaty need could be ratified without interpretative qualifications, and yesterday at the suggestion, it is understood of republican leader Lodge, a tentative draft of reservations indicating in a general way the trend of opinion among many republican senators was laid before the president by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri.

Leaders for reservations say it is now the president's move. The group of republicans, who under the lead of Senator McCumber, North Dakota and McNary, Oregon, are working on a reservation program designed to clarify the league of nations covenant without vitally weakening it, believe the president will announce his acceptance of such a course and that quick ratification of the treaty will ensue. In their talks with Mr. Wilson, they say, he has indicated no radical antagonism to senate qualifications, his only fear being that the whole subject might be thrown back to re-negotiation. The president's democratic supporters in the senate are not in accord with this view and predict he will assert himself for unreserved ratification and then go to the country in an effort to fortify public sentiment behind that stand.

The president saw no republican senators today, but in a letter to Mr. Lodge replied to inquiries about the treaty sent to the white house by the foreign relations committee. He wrote that so far as he knew, no decision had been reached for division of Germany's indemnity payments under the treaty's provision that it shall be allotted among her enemies "in the proportion which has been determined by them in advance."

The letter also said Mr. Wilson was preparing to send the committee papers they had asked for in connection with the Versailles negotiations.

Today Chairman Lodge discussed some features of the treaty with Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lodge is understood to have suggested that the committee have the benefit of the expert advice on some sections, particularly those dealing

Property Owners of City, By Almost Unanimous Ballot, Decide Favorably on Proposed \$1,300,000 Bond Issue to Bring City Supply From Verde.

Married While Sailing With Silver Clouds

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, July 26.—Traveling 80 miles an hour, 2,000 feet in the air, Lieutenant Burgess, army aviation corps, and Miss Emily Schaeffer of Brooklyn, were married today by wireless telephone. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alex. Winters from another airplane, piloted by Lieutenant Eugene H. Hardesty, best man, while the machines circled above 200,000 persons attending a police field day at Sheephead Bay speedway.

The bridesmaids, who were in the grandstand, had wireless telephone connection with the airplanes.

Phoenix is going to have a large supply of pure, soft water. Taxpayers of the city definitely and effectively settled that question yesterday when they cast \$12 votes in favor of the \$1,300,000 municipal water bond issue. Only 23 opposing votes were cast. The majority for the bond issue, 25 to 1, was so overwhelming that no doubt was left as to public opinion on the need for a new and better water supply.

Incidentally, Phoenix took its greatest step forward, as it was an early realization of the need to provide for the future Phoenix—the Phoenix of 20,000 or 30,000 people and untold commerce.

The vote was unusually large considering that a large portion of those eligible to vote are at the present time on vacations. Then too, there was a small inclination on the part of a few to let the other fellow do the voting with the agreement they were in favor of bonds, pure water and all the benefits which accrue from such a combination.

The vote by precincts was as follows:

| | Yes | No |
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| First precinct | 126 | 7 |
| Second precinct | 124 | 3 |
| Third precinct | 127 | 3 |
| Fourth precinct | 178 | 6 |
| Fifth precinct | 125 | 8 |
| Sixth precinct | 37 | 6 |
| Total | 812 | 35 |

An organization of taxpayers, business men and others interested in seeing the bonds were favorably voted on was the only body in the field either for or against the proposition. It was rumored yesterday afternoon, however, that several local men were at the polls working against the bonds and requesting the voters to put a cross after the "no" on the ballot.

City Manager Thompson stated last night that according to his own estimate the new water system would be installed and in operation on or about January 1, 1921.

It will be the middle of September before the bonds will be for sale, as the law requires that the city commission meet and canvass the ballots on the first Monday after the first day of August. It will then be necessary to advertise the bonds for sale a period of thirty days.

The money derived from the great bond issue voted at the polls yesterday will be used in the construction of what is known as the Verde-Phoenix gravity water system, a system that will bring the pure, soft water of the Verde River to the homes and business places of Phoenix. The supply will have its origin on the Verde River, 23 miles northwest of the city, where elaborate intakes will draw the water from the water-filled sands alongside the river. A pipe line will then bring the water, by gravity, to a reservoir to be constructed some six miles from the city, and then on into the city mains.

A new survey will be started at once of the definite location of the pipe line. This work will be carried on by the city engineer's office under the supervision of the city manager.

Wells that are put down at the point of intake shortly to determine how extensive an intake will be necessary.

The advantages to come from the new big water system have been enumerated so many times every reading person in the city knows them. The supply will be adequate, however, for a city of 100,000 people, and will insure fresh soft water that will be inferior to none. The new water will help eliminate doctor and plumbing bills alike. It has been agreed, will lower fire insurance rates by adding adequate fire protection and will be an added inducement for business concerns to bring their plants here.

Statement by City Manager "I am extremely gratified at the result of the bond election," said City Manager V. A. Thompson last night.

"The vote was unusually large, and the city administration is very pleased that such a majority of the taxpayers are in favor of a new water system for the city. I am positive that had there been more voters in the city, the majority would have been even greater."

"We are going ahead as soon as possible with the preliminary work and hope to have a definite survey made shortly. I am sure Phoenix will have soft water and a world of it by the first of 1921."

"The city administration desires to thank the many citizens who aided in making the election such a success, especially those who worked throughout the day carrying voters to and from the polls. A splendid spirit of co-operation was shown throughout and demonstrated what a city can do when the people pull together."

FEDERAL CONTROL ONLY RELIEF FROM EXORBITANT PRICES

NEW YORK, July 26.—Price fixing commissions by the government are the only remedy for profiteering in the necessities of life in the opinion of William Harmon Black, formerly vice chairman of the war labor board, who sailed today for England and France. He declared that even men who intended to be fair had been forced into elections not warranted by the situation.

"The pressing problem," he said, "is the skyrocket cost of living. It is all paid by the ultimate consumer, if nothing is done to check this abnormal inflation of prices the stage finally will be reached where they will be a breaking point to relieve the tension."

VOTE IRRIGATION PROJECT

FORT SUMNER, N. M., July 26.—Without a dissenting vote, at an election held today, residents of the Fort Sumner irrigation district unanimously approved the proposal to issue \$400,000 in bonds to build a new concrete dam and gravity canal which will irrigate 9,000 acres of the best alfalfa and fruit land in the Pecos valley.

MEXICO CITY, July 26.—Traffic over the National Railway line between Mexico City and Laredo has been interrupted by heavy rains. More than a dozen bridges and culverts have been washed away.

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